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Talking Points- HB 4254

Summary:

House Bill 4254, introduced by Rep. Coleman Young (D- Wayne), amends Act 51 by requiring 50 percent of all non-federal aid construction or preservation projects be awarded to contractors whose businesses are primarily located in the local unit of government where the project is located.

CRAM position

CRAM opposes this legislation.

Talking Points:

- It would be virtually impossible to implement this legislation in rural areas of the state where there simply are not enough contractors to comply with the legislation.
- Local road agencies currently operate under standard bid practices where criteria including cost and reliability are considered. This legislation would put the location of a business as priority over these other important factors.
- This legislation also removes provisions in the law waiving the competitive bidding process on projects under \$100,000. This new policy would apply to any small project, taking away any flexibility that road commissions have to work with each other or other local governments (cities and villages) to decrease costs to taxpayers.